

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT	:
OF HEALTH, BOARD OF EXAMINERS	:
IN DENTISTRY and DAVID R.	:
GIFFORD, MD, MPH in his capacity	:
as DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	:
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vs.	:
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GARY ANUSAVICE, DDS, d/b/a	:
PREMIER DENTAL	:

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

This matter came to the attention of the Rhode Island Department of Health, Board of Examiners in Dentistry, when the Office of the Attorney General referred several consumer complaints to the Board. In addition, several consumer complaints were forwarded directly to the Board. The Board commenced an investigation of the complaints by contacting and interviewing each of the complainants. As a result of the investigation, the Board initiated a hearing process to suspend, revoke or otherwise discipline the Respondent's license as a dentist (copy attached). Following the commencement of proceedings against the Respondent, the Board has received several more consumer complaints that demonstrate that the Respondent is continuing to engage in the same conduct as was identified by the Office of Attorney General and the earlier consumer complaints. The investigation by the Department of Health has established the following alleged facts:

1. That Gary Anusavice, DDS is a dentist licensed in the State of Rhode Island and doing business as Premier Dental located at 451 Broadway in Pawtucket, RI.

2. That Premier Dental employs a number of other dentists who are also providing dentistry services at 451 Broadway, Pawtucket, RI under the aegis of the Respondent d/b/a Premier Dental.
3. That Premier Dental is not a legally constituted entity, nor is it a licensed entity.
4. That Respondent d/b/a Premier Dental has, and continues, to engage in the fraudulent and deceptive practice of dentistry in violation of § 5-31.1-10 of the General Laws. The activities engaged in by the Respondent include, but are not limited to credit card fraud, a bait and switch scheme with regard to dental services being provided to patients, billing patients for services not rendered, deceiving patients with respect to credit being provided to them, refusing to respond to patients' repeated requests for care, refusing to provide patients' medical records when requested to do so, providing dental services not requested by the patients without the patients' knowledge.
5. That in the course of the ongoing proceedings in this matter, the Respondent and/or his office manager have attempted to intimidate and bribe witnesses who are scheduled to appear and testify at the hearing.
6. That Respondent's credit card scheme has netted him thousands of dollars to the detriment of his patients.

Based upon the investigation and the findings set forth above, the Director of Health has determined that continuation of Gary Anusavice, DDS in the practice of dentistry pending completion of hearings in this matter would constitute an immediate danger to the public health, welfare and safety, in particular, to patients of Premier Dental. Accordingly, the license to practice dentistry held by Gary Anusavice is hereby suspended effective at 5:00pm on November 3, 2005 and the Respondent is directed to cease and desist operation of Premier Dental until further Order of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry. Pursuant to § 5-31.1-19 of the General Laws, the Respondent is entitled to a hearing within 10 days of the date hereof.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2005.

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David R. Gifford, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the within Summary Suspension was hand-delivered to the Respondent's counsel of record, William J. Lynch, Esquire, Suite 400, 321 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 on November 3, 2005.